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Thru: Joe Helfrich, Permit Supervisor, Compliance

From: Stephen J. Demczak, Reclamation Specialist

RE:

Incidental Boundary Change, Genwal Resources, Inc., Crandall Canyon Mine,

ACT/015/032-98A, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

SUMMARY:

The proposed incidental boundary change at Crandall Canyon Mine was received on July 7, 1998 at the Salt Lake Office. This amendment was received at the Price Field Office on August 3, 1998 for engineering review.

This incidental boundary change 98A meets the requirements on the engineering section of the R645 Coal Rules.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

OPERATION PLAN

MAPS

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-512, 521.130, 521.140

Analysis:

The permittee has submitted underground mine projections for the 444 acres of the IBC. The map is P.E. certified and meets the requirements of the Coal Rules.

Findings:

Information provided in the proposed IBC amendment is considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section.



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Analysis

Coal Recovery

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-522

This IBC gives the permittee permission to drive rock tunnels to access the Blind Canyon coal seam. Thus, increasing the life of the mine and extraction of coal.

Finding

The requirements in this section of the regulations are considered adequate in regard to the proposed incidental boundary change - 98A.

Analysis:

Subsidence Control Plans

Regulatory Reference R645-301-525

There will be only first mining to drive main entries into this area. Therefore, subsidence becomes very remote. The plan is to gain access to the Blind Canyon coal seam by using rock tunnel in the IBC area.

Findings:

The information provided is considered adequate and no additional subsidence monitoring will be required at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the engineering section of the Genwal Resources incidental boundary change 98A be approved.

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